

January 22, 2003

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-81

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted version of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company (the "Company") to the First Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General. Please note that the attachment to the response to information request AG-1-7 contains confidential price information. Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that such materials be granted confidential treatment for all the reasons stated in the Company's motion for Protective Treatment of Confidential information filed with the petition in the proceeding. The copy provided to the Attorney General is delivered pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreement between the Company and the Attorney General.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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